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APPLICANTS : Dr. Dirk LENZ, et al.  
SERIAL NO. : To Be Assigned  
FILED : Herewith  
FOR : USE OF A METALLOCENE-POLYETHYLENE  
NONWOVEN AS BACKING MATERIAL  
ART UNIT : To Be Assigned  
EXAMINER : To Be Assigned

January 9, 2001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first sentence: - This application is a 371 of PCT/EP99/04851, which was  
a) filed on July 10, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite claim 1 as follows: